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1. On 29 July 1949 in Tsingtao a delegation of Communist military personnel called on the Stanvac manager and desired to purchase all of his stock of aviation gasoline, which amounts to about 9,000 drums. The gasoline must be sold in 53-gallon drums. There was no objection to the price. The Communists stated that the gasoline was to be shipped north.
2. The Caltex manager was informed by the Communists that they had equipment which required aviation gasoline*.

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* Comment. It has been reported that the Communists have purchased aviation gasoline from the Tsingtao Caltex Company which is being shipped to Peiping.

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Comment. This information, in addition to information on the continued removal of machinery and other goods from Tsingtao of which there is increased activity nightly, seems to indicate that the Communists may not anticipate holding Tsingtao. The gasoline stocks may be for Russia or for stockpiling at airbases for use in the event of the outbreak of a major war.

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